

Only Masada, Jerusalem, and
two other cities remained under
Jewish control

69-79 AD

1912 Dates J-BK

VESPASIANUS was emperor. He was proclaimed emperor in ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, then in Palestine where he was directing the war against the Jews in revolt since 66.

69 AD

Otho was emperor a short
time.

69 AD

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Vespasian in Palestine transferred military command to his son, TITUS and went to Rome via Alexandria.

He restored discipline in the army and order in the finances.
Vespasian reorganized the Senate.

69-71 AD

1912 Dates J-BK

The BATAVIANS revolted under
JULIUS (CLAUDIUS ?) CIVILIS.
This revolt was suppressed by
CEREALIS

69 AD

Otho is emperor

Vitellius defeated Otho

Vespasian defeated Vitellius

Mar 69 AD

Otho left Rome to fight
Vitellians

14 Mar 69

Otho tried to avoid civil war by offering to share power with Vitellius, even offering marriage to Vitellius's daughter.

March saw Vitellius begin his move. Otho sent an advance guard northward to prevent the enemy from crossing the River P.

Otho left Rome around 14 Mar 69 and established his main camp at

at Bedriacum just north of the Po, 20
miles east of Cremona.

16 Apr 69

Otho Committed suicide at
Brixellium, south of Cremona

14 Apr 69

Vitellius sent his army ahead to Italy in separate divisions, under the command of FABIVS VALENS and AVLVS CAECINA ALIENVS. Caecina reached Italy 1st; took up position outside Cremona. The 2nd Division's arrival made the Vitellian army twice as large as the Othoman. The Vitellians forced the issue by beginning

a bridge. Gtho was compelled to send his
Army against them, but in the first
Battle of Cramora on 14 Apr, the Gthos
were comprehensively defeated

16 Apr 69

News reached Getho at BRIZELLUM about his army's defeat. He may have wished to spare Italy the honor of a protracted civil war. Advising his friends and family to take what measures they could for their own safety, he retired to his room on the 15th to sleep.

At dawn on 16 Apr 69 he stabbed

himself to death

who had reigned only 3 months
but had shown promise of wisdom
and ability than anyone had
expected.

16 April 69

Vitellius was no soldier, and remained
in Gaul while his generals VALENS
and CAECINA overthrew OTHO and
captured Rome.

Apr 69AD

1st Battle of CREMONA; Otho
commits suicide; Vitellius
recognized as emperor by the
senate.

April 69

AULUS Vitellius became emperor,
not on his own merits but through
the luck of being in the right place at
the right time. The German Legions
had not forgiven Galba for his refusal
to reward them for their part in
suppressing JULIUS VINDEX

MAY, June 69

When the news reached Vitellius, he set out for the capital on a journey marked by revelry, feasting, drunkenness, and general indiscipline on the part of both of his army & entourage.

Vitellius himself won no praise for his remarks when he visited the corpse-strewn battlefield at Cremona and declared that the smell of a dead enemy

was sweet and that of a fellow-cub
writer still